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HTTP://WWW.STUMPTOWNBLOGGER.COM/2016/09/SEASIDE-LIFEGUARD-TOWER.HTML

The Seaside lifeguard tower and turn-a-round. ca. 1940s

## *In This Issue ...*

Mob violence occurs in Portland and other places around the world, but in Clatsop County – never. Well, almost never. In 1962, vacationing students rioted in Seaside on Labor Day and again the next two years. Hugh McKenna's first-hand account appears in this issue, provided by his son, also named Hugh. It reveals how a mild-mannered man pelted with rocks and bricks can respond with so much anger that he looks forward to the next confrontation. McKenna put the blame for the riot on Seaside's mayor Pysher as does the 1965 government paper assessing the causes (in the CCHS archives). A different view of the riot from a high school student Stew Dodge is in the next story.

Also in this issue are some of the many photos Sam Foster, former CCHS President, took of Tony Moreno's treasure hunt on the beach at Manzanita.

Stan Simson sent us a humorous story of his experience working at Zero Zone Lockers for Don Jossy.

Martha McKeown's book Alaska Silver (the reminiscences of Mont Hawthorne) has been abridged for Cumtux by Bruce Berney, former CCHS director, in the hope that readers will search out libraries that will have copies that can be checked out.

—The Editor

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"YOU MOVE AND I'LL KILL YA": THIS IMAGE FROM THE 1963 SEASIDE RIOT WAS AN AWARD WINNER FOR *THE OREGONIAN* PHOTOGRAPHER CHUCK VON WALD. HUGH MCKENNA IS THE SUBDUER.

*CUMTUX: Chinook jargon:*
*"To know... to inform"*

Seaside riot 1962: Young rioter hides face from camera as police take him in custody during height of rioting. Police had fracas under control by 1 a.m. Sunday.